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SUBJECT:FISHERIES-GOV REQUESTS INFORMATION ON REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING TUNA CATCHES.

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1. DEPT HAS POUCHED SEVERAL COPIES OF SF 370-1 REQUESTED  
REFTEL. WE ALSO POUCHED LATEST (DEC. 23, 1977 PORPOISE CON-  
SERVATION REGULATIONS. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE ICE AND OTHER  
APPROPRIATE GOV OFFICIALS AWARE THAT, ACCORDING TO U.S.  
REGULATIONS, SINCE VENEZUELAN VESSELS FISH FOR TUNA IN THE  
EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC, BEFORE ANY VENEZUELAN COMPANY OR  
VESSEL WILL BE ABLE TO EXPORT TUNA TO US GOV WILL BE  
REQUIRED TO CERTIFY TO US THAT METHODS OF TUNA FISHING  
USED BY ALL VENEZUELAN VESSELS ARE IN HARMONY WITH US  
STANDARDS. THE PRECISE MECHANISM FOR DOING THIS IS SPELLED  
OUT IN THE REGULATIONS.

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2. AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR US DEPT  
OF COMMERCE EXPERTS TO MEET VENEZUELAN TUNA FISHING VESSELS  
IN PANAMA IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE LATEST METHODS OF PORPOISE  
CONSERVATION. U.S. EXPERTS COULD DEMONSTRATE TECHNIQUES  
USED BY US FISHERMEN TO AVOID INJURY TO PORPOISES AND COULD

BE PREPARED TO TAKE A LOOK AT EQUIPMENT ON VENEZUELAN

BOATS, DISCUSS BEST METHODS FOR USE OF GEAR AND SUGGEST NEW PORPOISE CONSERVATION EQUIPMENT WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL TO VENEZUELANS. COMMERCE DEPT. EXPERTS ARE FROM TIME TO TIME, IN PANAMA ON FISHERY-RELATED BUSINESS, AND TIMING OF POSSIBLE MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN VESSELS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT SO THAT MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE DURING TIME WHEN APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS WERE ALREADY IN PANAMA. PLEASE ADVISE IF VENEZUELAN COMPANIES INTERESTED PURSUING THIS.

3. OF PERHAPS MORE VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF VENEZUELAN EXPORTS OF TUNA TO U.S. WOULD BE MEETING BETWEEN COMMERCE DEPT. OFFICIALS APPROPRIATE GOV OFFICIALS. SUCH MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH MEXICO, COSTA RICA, PANAMA, NICARAGUA, AND ECUADOR, AND THIS HAS GREATLY ASSISTED EACH OF THESE GOVERNMENTS IN PREPARING DOCUMENTATION WHICH HAS RESULTED IN USG CERTIFICATION WHICH WILL ALLOW THEIR TUNA IMPORTS TO CONTINUE. DEPT. BELIEVES COMMERCE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL TO CARACAS FOR SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS IF GOV INTERESTED. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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